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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 April 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-178 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-178 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 April 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This application has been reviewed. Original claims 1-178 are pending. The rejection cited stated below.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 3 objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form (claim 3 is dependent to itself).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-6, 8-10, and 12-178 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Salzfass et al., United States Patent application Publication US 2002/0042815 A1[hereinafter Salzfass].

As per claim 1, Salzfass discloses a web-based personal contact information system comprising:

- a bridge website server located on the Internet (server DB+FS 170 located on the internet 30)(see fig. 2, element 170);

- said bridge website server comprising any computer, sub-component of a computer, or group of computers, or any combination thereof, that possesses the capacity of maintaining a client/server environment on the Internet (the Global Database and e-mail forwarding server 170 provide client/server function) (see fig. 2 and page 4, ¶ 0052) ;
- said bridge website server having a personal contact information directory database that is capable of storing personal contact information of a listing party (the DB=FS server contain current valid e-mail addresses of participating recipient)(see fig. 2 and page 2, ¶ 0016);
- said bridge website server receiving a querying signal generated by a querying party(the DB+FS server receiving undeliverable/forwarded e-mail) (see fig. 2 and page 4, ¶ 0058) ;
- said querying signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously from the querying party that embodies both a request for the personal contact information of the listing party and also embodies a communication of identifying information about the querying party, regardless as to whether the querying signal is modified or altered along its path from the querying party to the bridge website server (see page 5, ¶ 0055)
- said bridge website server having a registration facility (master e-mail global database) (see page 5, ¶ 0059) ;
- said registration facility comprising a device capable of receiving the querying party's personal contact information embodied in the querying signal, storing the

querying party's personal contact information, and transmitting it to the listing party (see page 5, ¶ 0060);

- said bridge website server generating a query notification signal that notifies the listing party that there has been a query for the personal contact information of the listing party (see page 4, ¶ 0058);
- said query notification signal notifying the listing party of the communication of identifying information of the listing party (see page 6, ¶ 0061);
- said query notification signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously to the listing party that embodies both a request for the personal contact information of the listing party and also embodies a communication of identifying information about the querying party, regardless as to whether the querying notification signal is modified or altered along its path from the bridge website server to the listing party (see page 6, ¶ 0061).

As per claim 2, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 1 further comprising:

said bridge website server receiving a consent/no consent signal from the listing party(see page 6, ¶ 0061-0062); said consent/no consent signal directing the bridge website server as to what, if any, information stored in the personal contact information directory database is to be sent to the querying party(see page 6, ¶ 0061-0062); said consent/no consent signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously from the listing party to the bridge website server that embodies an

instruction as to what personal contact information, if any, is to be sent to the querying party, regardless as to whether the consent/no consent signal is modified or altered along its path from the listing party to the bridge website server (see page 6, ¶ 0060-0061).

As per claim 3, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 1 further comprising:

a personal contact information signal generated by the bridge website server sent to the querying party(see page 6, ¶ 0061-0061);

said personal contact information signal containing the personal contact information of the listing party that was directed to be sent to the querying party according to dictates of the consent/no consent signal generated by the listing party(see page 6, ¶ 0060-0061);

said personal contact information signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously to the querying party that embodies the personal contact information that is to be sent to the querying party, regardless as to whether the personal contact information signal is modified or altered along its path from the bridge website server to the querying party (see page 6, ¶ 0060-0061).

As per claim 4, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the bridge website server is capable of generating a bridge website that may be accessed by the querying party(see page 4, ¶ 0052).

AS per claim 5, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 4 wherein both the querying signal and the consent/no consent signal follows the TCP/Internet Protocol(i.e., using Internet which utilizes TCP/IP protocol) (see fig. 1, element 30).

As per claim 6, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further comprising:

the personal contact information database containing an e-mail address of the listing party (see page 6, ¶ 0061-0061);

the personal contact information signal sent to the querying party containing the e-mail address of the listing party pursuant to the instruction of the consent/no consent signal generated by they listing party(see page 6, ¶ 0061-0061).

As per claim 12, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the querying signal received by the bridge website server is generated by the querying party using a querying party's computer ((see page 5, ¶ 0055).

As per claim 13, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further comprising:

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the bridge website server capable of generating a bridge website that may be accessed by the querying party;

the querying signal received by the bridge website server being generated by the querying party using a querying party's computer equipped with a web browser and modem for accessing the bridge website (see fig. 2, sender's PC 12) (see page 4, ¶ 0052);

said modem of the querying party's computer comprising of any device that allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer(see page 4, ¶ 0052).

As per claim 14, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further comprising:

the bridge website server capable of generating a bridge website that may be accessed by the listing party(see page 6, ¶ 0060-0061);

the consent/no consent signal received by the bridge website server being generated by the listing party using a listing party's computer having a web browser and modem for accessing the bridge website; said modem of the listing party's comprising of any device that allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer(see page 6, ¶ 0061-0061).

As per claim 15, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further comprising:

the bridge website server capable of generating a bridge website that may be accessed by the querying party;

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the querying signal received by the bridge website server being generated by the querying party using a querying party's computer having a web browser and modem(inherent) for accessing the bridge website(see) (see page 4, ¶ 0052 and page 6, ¶ 0061-0061);

said modem of the querying party's computer comprising of any device that allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer(see page 4, ¶ 0052 and page 6, ¶ 0061-0061);

the consent/no consent signal received by the bridge website server being generated by the listing party using a listing party's computer having a web browser and modem for accessing the bridge website(see page 4, ¶ 0052 and page 6, ¶ 0061-0061);

said modem of the listing party's comprising of any device that allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer(see page 4, ¶ 0052 and page 6, ¶ 0061-0061).

As per claim 16, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further comprising:

the bridge website server capable of generating a bridge website that may be accessed by the querying party(see page 4, ¶ 0052 and page 6, ¶ 0060-0061);

the querying signal received by the bridge website server being generated by the querying party using a querying party's computer having a web browser and modem for accessing the bridge website(see page 4, ¶ 0052 and page 6, ¶ 0060-0061);

said modem of the querying party's computer comprising of any device that allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer(see page 4, ¶ 0052 and page 6, ¶ 0061-0061);

the consent/no consent signal received by the bridge website server being generated by the listing party using a listing party's computer having a web browser and modem for accessing the bridge website(see page 4, ¶ 0052 and page 6, ¶ 0060-0061);

said modem of the listing party's comprising of any device that allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer(see page 4, ¶ 0052 and page 6, ¶ 0060-0061);

said querying signal, consent/no consent signal, personal contact information signal and query notification signal following the TCP/Internet Protocol(see page 4, ¶ 0052 and page 6, ¶ 0061-0061).

As per claim 17, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the registration facility of the bridge website server stores a name of the querying party and transmits it as a part of the query notification signal to the listing party(see page 6, ¶ 0060-0061);

As per claim 18, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the registration facility of the bridge website server stores an e-mail address of the querying party and transmits it as a part of the query notification signal to the listing party (see page 6, ¶ 0060-0061).

As per claim 19, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the registration facility of the bridge website server stores a responses to a questionnaire by the querying party and transmits it as a part of the query notification signal to the listing party (see page 6, ¶ 0060-0061).

As per claim 20, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the registration facility of the bridge website server stores information from the group consisting of e-mail address, school(s) attended, credit card number, social security number, telephone number or residence of the querying party and transmits it as a part of the query notification signal to the listing party(see page 6, ¶ 0060-0061).

As per claim 21, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further wherein the query notification signal is sent to a listing party's computer as a signal from the group consisting of e-mail, e-mail with a voice attachment, or a real time Internet telephone call message(see page 6, ¶ 0060-0061).

As per claim 22, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further comprising:
a database questionnaire signal that is sent to the listing party which prompts the listing party to generate a personal information storage signal that indicates the particular information the listing party would like to make available by the bridge website server

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and stored in the personal contact information directory database(see page 6, ¶ 0060-0061);

said personal information storage signal comprising personal information sent to and received by the bridge website server(see page 6, ¶ 0060-0061).

As per claim 23, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further comprising:

the bridge website server (server DB+FS 170) capable of generating a bridge website that may be accessed by the querying party (sender's PC 12) and the listing party(Intended recipient PC 19) (see fig. 2);

a database questionnaire signal that is sent to the listing party which prompts the listing party to generate a personal information storage signal that indicates the particular information the listing party would like to make available by the bridge website server and stored in the personal contact information directory database(see page 6, ¶ 0060-0061);

said personal information storage signal being received by the bridge website server(see page 6, ¶ 0060-0061).

As per claim 24, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further comprising:

the bridge website server capable of generating a bridge website that may be accessed by the querying party and the listing party(see page 6, ¶ 0060-0061);

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a database questionnaire signal that is sent to the listing party which prompts the listing party to generate a personal information storage signal that indicates the particular information the listing party would like to make available by the bridge website server and stored in the personal contact information directory database(see page 6, ¶ 0060-0061);

said personal information storage signal being received by the bridge website server; the personal information storage signal containing information from among the group consisting of the e-mail address of the listing party, the telephone number of the listing party, the fax number of the listing party, the pager number of the listing party, or the street address of the listing party(see page 6, ¶ 0060-0061).

As per claim 25, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further comprising:

a database questionnaire signal that is sent to the listing party (see page 6, ¶ 0061); said database questionnaire signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously that embodies a request for the personal contact information of the listing party that the listing party would like to have stored in the personal contact information directory, regardless as to whether the database questionnaire signal is modified or altered along its path to the listing party(see page 6, ¶ 0060-0061);

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a personal information storage signal that indicates the particular information the listing party would like to have stored in the personal contact information directory database(see page 6, ¶ 0060-0061);

said personal information storage signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously from the listing party to the bridge website server that embodies personal contact information that the listing party would like to have stored in the personal contact information directory of the bridge website server, regardless as to whether the personal information storage signal is modified or altered along its path from the listing party to the bridge website server (see page 6, ¶ 0060-0061).

As per claim 26, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further comprising:

the bridge website server(DB+FS server) capable of generating a bridge website that may be accessed by the querying party (12) and the listing party (19) (see fig. 2) ;

a database questionnaire signal that is sent to the listing party (see page 5, ¶ 0059);

said database questionnaire signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously that embodies a request for the personal contact information of the listing party that the listing party would like to have stored in the personal contact information directory, regardless as to whether the database questionnaire signal is modified or altered along its path to the listing party(see page 5, ¶ 0059);

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a personal information storage signal that indicates the particular information the listing party would like to have stored in the personal contact information directory database(see page 5, ¶ 0059);

said personal information storage signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously from the listing party to the bridge website server that embodies personal contact information that the listing party would like to have stored in the personal contact information directory of the bridge website server, regardless as to whether the personal information storage signal is modified or altered along its path from the listing party to the bridge website server(see page 5, ¶ 0059);

the querying signal received by the bridge website server being generated by the querying party using a querying party's computer having a web browser and modem for accessing the bridge website;

said modem of the querying party's computer comprising of any device that allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer(see page 5, ¶ 0059);

the consent/no consent signal received by the bridge website server being generated by the listing party using a listing party's computer having a web browser and modem for accessing the bridge website(see page 6, ¶ 0061);

said modem of the listing party's comprising of any device that allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer(inherent) (see page 4, ¶ 0052).

As per claim 27, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further comprising:

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the bridge website server capable of generating a bridge website that may be accessed by the querying party and the listing party(see page 5, ¶ 0060-0061);

a database questionnaire signal that is sent to the listing party(see page 5, ¶ 0060-0061);

said database questionnaire signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously that embodies a request for the personal contact information of the listing party that the listing party would like to have stored in the personal contact information directory, regardless as to whether the database questionnaire signal is modified or altered along its path to the listing party(see page 5, ¶ 0060-0061);

a personal information storage signal that indicates the particular information the listing party would like to have stored in the personal contact information directory database(see page 5, ¶ 0060-0061);

said personal information storage signal comprising one or more signals sent in any sequence or simultaneously from the listing party to the bridge website server that embodies personal contact information that the listing party would like to have stored in the personal contact information directory of the bridge website server, regardless as to whether the personal information storage signal is modified or altered along its path from the listing party to the bridge website server(see page 5, ¶ 0060-0061);

the personal information storage signal containing information from among the group consisting of the e-mail address of the listing party, the telephone number of the listing

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party, the fax number of the listing party, the pager number of the listing party, or the street address of the listing party(see page 5, ¶ 0060-0061);

the querying signal received by the bridge website server being generated by the querying party using a querying party's computer having a web browser and modem for accessing the bridge website(see page 5, ¶ 0060-0061);

said modem of the querying party's computer comprising of any device that allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer(see page 5, ¶ 0060-0061);

the consent/no consent signal received by the bridge website server being generated by the listing party using a listing party's computer having a web browser and modem for accessing the bridge website(see page 5, ¶ 0060-0061);

said modem of the listing party's comprising of any device that allows one computer to communicate with a remote computer(see page 5, ¶ 0060-0061);

the query notification signal sent to a listing party's computer as a signal from the group consisting of e-mail, e-mail with a voice attachment, or a real time Internet telephone call message(see page 5, ¶ 0060-0061).

As per claim 28, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the personal contact information signal conforms to the TCP/IP protocol (inherent)(see also fig. 2, which show the Internet 30).

As per claim 29, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the personal contact information is received by a telephonic

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peripheral of the querying party (see page 4, ¶ 0052);

As per claim 30, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the personal contact information contained in the personal contact information signal is in the form of telephone call to a pager with a screen display (see page 4, ¶ 0052).

As per claim 31, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the personal contact information contained in the personal contact information signal is in the form a voice telephone call (see page 4, ¶ 0052).

AS per claim 32, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the personal contact information contained in the personal contact information signal is in the form an analog voice telephone call (see page 4, ¶ 0052).

As per claim 33, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the personal contact information signal is sent to a telephonic peripheral of the querying party (see page 4, ¶ 0052).

As per claim 34, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the personal contact information contained in the query notification signal is in the form of an analog telephone call to a pager with a screen display to the

querying party (see page 4, ¶ 0052).

As per claim 35, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the personal contact information contained in the personal contact information signal sent to the querying party is in the form of a voice telephone call (see page 4, ¶ 0052).

As per claim 36, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the query notification signal is sent to a listing party's telephonic peripheral (see page 4, ¶ 0052).

As per claim 37, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the query notification signal is sent to a listing party's pager (i.e., mobile device) (see page 4, ¶ 0052).

As per claim 38, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the query notification signal is sent to a telephone with a screen display (i.e., mobile telephone) (see page 4, ¶ 0052).

As per claim 39, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the query notification signal is sent to a listing party's analog telephone (i.e., mobile telephone) (see page 4, ¶ 0052).

As per claim 40, Salzfass the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the query notification signal is sent to a listing party's cellular or digital telephone (see page 4, ¶ 0052).

As per claim 41, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the query notification signal is sent to a listing party's telephonic peripheral and the consent/no consent signal is sent from the listing party's telephonic peripheral(see page 4, ¶ 0052).

As per claim 42, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the query notification signal is sent to a listing party's voice telephone and the consent/no consent signal is sent from the listing party's voice telephone(see page 4, ¶ 0052).

As per claim 43, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the query notification signal is sent to a listing party's analog voice telephone and the consent/no consent signal is sent from the listing party's analog voice telephone (see page 4, ¶ 0052).

As per claim 44, Salzfass discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 wherein the query notification signal is sent to a listing party's telephone with

a screen display and the consent/no consent signal is sent from the listing party's telephone with a screen display (see page 4, ¶ 0052).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 7 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Salzfaß as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Peltonen et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,393,274[hereinafter Peltonen].

As per claim 7, Salzfaß discloses substantial features of the claimed invention as discussed above with respect claim 3 including a personal contact information database containing e-mail address of the called party, the personal contact information request signal sent to the querying party containing the email address of the listing party pursuant to the instruction of the consent/no consent signal generated by the listing party.

Salzfaß is silent regarding:

the personal contact information database containing such information such as a telephone number, or fax number or pager number street address or of the listing party.

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Nonetheless, a database containing personal contact information the personal contact information database containing such information such as a telephone number, or fax number or pager number or street address of the listing party is well known in the art as evidenced by Peltonen. Peltonen discloses a communication system for inquiring personal contact information, wherein the personal contact information database contains a telephone number of the listing party (see fig. 9, contact database 33 and col. 4, lines 39-67). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the teaching of Peltonen into the Palzfass's system in order to enable the querying part to quickly communicate the listed party.

As per claim 11, Peltonen discloses the web-based personal contact information system of claim 3 further comprising: the personal contact information database containing a time and place that the listing party will be available (see col. 5, lines 15-25 and col. 10, lines 1-6);

the personal contact information signal sent to the querying party containing the time and place that the listing party will be available pursuant to the instruction of the consent/no consent signal generated by they listing party (see col. 9, lines 1-6).

As per claims 45-178, the claims include limitations similar to those of claim 1-44, thus claims 45-178 are rejected same rational as claims 1-44.

Conclusion

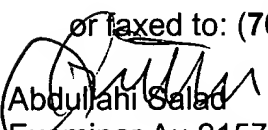
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